

SPECIAL STAMP FOR DANTE ALIGHIERI

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under previous order of the House, the gentleman from Connecticut [Mr. GIAIMO] is recognized for 15 minutes.

Mr. GIAIMO. Mr. Speaker, "that singular splendor of the Italian race" was the noble phrase applied to Dante Alighieri by his first biographer, Giovanni Boccaccio. After seven centuries, that "singular splendor" still shines forth in undiminished glory. Later biographers have discussed the aptness both of his original given name, "Durante," "the much enduring," or "the long lasting," and of the contraction that became his name in actual use, "Dante," "the giver." In his earliest work, "La Vita Nuova," Dante celebrated his spiritual love for Beatrice in prose interspersed with lyric poems and sonnets. This work, together with Dante's later lyrics, powerfully influenced, not only Italian poetry, but the whole field of lyric poetry in Europe and England, contributing, in a marked degree, to the lyric achievements of Elizabethan England.

Dante's greatest work, the "Divine Comedy," depicts hell, purgatory, and heaven, and, in so doing, surveys the culture and knowledge of the age. Philosophy, history, classical literature, physical science, morals, theology—each is amply represented in this encyclopedic work—and yet all this learning is subordinated to the masterly dramatic movement and lyric eloquence of the poem. The Italian language, which hitherto had been hardly more than a Latin dialect used chiefly in conversation, was by this literary masterpiece established as a vehicle worthy to convey the most sublime thoughts and feelings. The "Divine Comedy" stands as one of the noblest achievements of the mind and heart of man, a literary work second only to the Bible in its influence upon writers, and one of the most quoted and most translated works in all literature. Dante's prose commentary, "Il Convito," has been pronounced worthy to stand by the side of the best works of antiquity. In his "De Monarchia," in Latin, he set forth a well thought out description of his ideal of government—incidentally casting great light upon the political and social theories back of the Guelf and Ghibelline struggles of the time; and in "De Vulgari Eloquentia," also in Latin, he discussed language in general, its developments, and particularly the dialects of Italian.

Dante was a man of his age—a man of action, involved in the affairs of Florence and the papacy; a man of intellect, deeply learned in the philosophy and religion of his time; and a man of eminence, acquainted with the great men in politics and literature, both of Italy and of the rest of Europe. He is truly representative of his time and place, yet his stature far transcends that time and place—his eloquent vitality exerts its powerful influence on contemporary thought as well. It is therefore most fitting that the United States of America,

in the 20th century, separated from Dante by 4,000 miles and seven centuries, should, by the official act of issuing a postage stamp to celebrate his birthday, recognize that his poetic magnificence, his mastery of language, his human tenderness and moral grandeur, make him a man worthy of the praise and emulation of all men.

For these reasons, I am introducing today a bill to provide that the U.S. Post Office shall issue a stamp celebrating, in May 1965, the 700th birthday of Dante Alighieri. I am also writing to the Postmaster General, requesting appropriate action on this proposal. I urge my colleagues to join in the sponsoring of this legislation.

I am happy to cooperate with the Dante Centenary Committee on this bill. I especially wish to thank Dr. Vincenzo Cioffari, national chairman of the committee, and Dr. Thomas G. Bergin, Sterling professor of romance languages at Yale University. Their assistance in the preparation of this bill was invaluable.

A HAM PICKS UP REPORT ON CUBAN SHIPPING

(Mr. ASHBROOK (at the request of Mr. REIFEL) was granted permission to extend his remarks at this point in the Record and to include extraneous matter.)

Mr. ASHBROOK. Mr. Speaker, a very responsible ham operator brought an interesting fact to my attention today. He notes that a great amount of transshipping to Cuba may be going on in the following manner which he pointed out in a letter:

Have you people ever investigated a vast traffic in American goods and supplies to Castro? It works this way. Nondescript foreign-flag ships mainly Liberian, Greek, and Panamanian load transship cargoes in Montreal, these cargoes being delivered in Montreal by Canadian and American lakers. They then proceed directly to Havana. They are as quiet as mice on the air at sea, but one day off of the Florida coast, one opened up and sent his destination and loading port. I am a radio operator and I heard it.

Mr. Speaker, I do not think it would do any good to bring this to the attention of the State Department. They have not done anything to toughen our policy toward Cuba. As a matter of fact they have directly encouraged such bypassing of the stated policy of this Government. Their recent role in the OAS conference should sicken any patriotic American. OAS members like Colombia, Costa Rica, and Panama have offered strong resolutions against Cuba but the United States has quietly opposed them. It would be interesting to know more about Cuban shipping. Will we ever know?

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[Mr. ASHBROOK'S remarks will appear hereafter in the Appendix.]

TREASURY AND POST OFFICE DE- PARTMENTS, THE EXECUTIVE OF- FICE OF THE PRESIDENT, AND CERTAIN INDEPENDENT AGEN- CIES—CONFERENCE REPORT

Mr. GARY submitted the following conference report and statement on the bill (H.R. 10532) making appropriations for the Treasury and Post Office Departments, the Executive Office of the President, and certain independent agencies for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1965:

CONFERENCE REPORT (H. REPT. NO. 1576)

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 10532) "making appropriations for the Treasury and Post Office Departments, the Executive Office of the President, and certain independent agencies for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1965, and for other purposes," having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its amendments numbered 11 and 12.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 2, 4, 6, and 16; and agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 1: That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 1, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows: In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert "\$76,550,000"; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 7: That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 7, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows: In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert "\$271,100,000"; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 9: That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 9, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows: In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert "\$85,000,000"; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment Numbered 10: That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 10, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows: Restore the matter stricken, amended to read as follows:

"SALARIES AND EXPENSES

"For necessary expenses of the Internal Revenue Service, not otherwise provided for, including executive direction, administrative support, and internal audit and security; hire of passenger motor vehicles; and services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U.S.C. 55a), and of expert witnesses at such rates as may be determined by the Commissioner; \$15,850,000.

"REVENUE ACCOUNTING AND PROCESSING

"For necessary expenses of the Internal Revenue Service for processing tax returns, and revenue accounting; hire of passenger motor vehicles; and services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U.S.C. 55a), and of expert witnesses at such rates as may be determined by the Commissioner, including not to exceed \$17,500,000 for temporary employment; \$148,800,000.

"COMPLIANCE

"For necessary expenses of the Internal Revenue Service for determining and establishing tax liabilities, and for investigation and enforcement activities, including

purchase (not to exceed two hundred twenty-five for replacement only, of which one hundred fifty for police-type use may exceed by \$300 each the general purchase price limitation for the current fiscal year) and hire of passenger motor vehicles; and services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U.S.C. 55a), and of expert witnesses at such rates as may be determined by the Commissioner; \$418,350,000"; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 14: That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 14, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows: In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert "\$598,500,000"; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 15: That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 15, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows: In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert "\$199,000,000"; and the Senate agree to the same.

The committee of conference report in disagreement amendments numbered 3, 5, 8, and 13.

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Managers on the Part of the Senate.

STATEMENT

The managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 10532) making appropriations for the Treasury and Post Office Departments, the Executive Office of the President, and certain independent agencies for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1965, and for other purposes, submit the following statement in explanation of the effect of the action agreed upon and recommended in the accompanying conference report as to each of such amendments, namely:

TITLE I—TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Bureau of Customs

Amendment No. 1: Appropriates \$76,550,000 for salaries and expenses instead of \$76,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$77,100,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Bureau of the Mint

Amendment No. 2: Appropriates \$9,980,000 for salaries and expenses as proposed by the Senate instead of \$9,380,000 as proposed by the House.

Amendment No. 3: Reported in disagreement. The House managers will offer a motion to recede and concur in the Senate amendment.

Amendment No. 4: Deletes House language, as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 5: Reported in disagreement. The House managers will offer a motion to recede and concur in the Senate amendment.

Amendment No. 6: Deletes House language, as proposed by the Senate.

Coast Guard

Amendment No. 7: Appropriates \$271,100,000 for operating expenses instead of \$270,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$272,200,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 8: Reported in disagreement. The House Managers will offer a mo-

tion to concur with an amendment designed to provide schooling allowances at the same rate in various areas as is allowed by the Defense Department agencies in the same areas.

Amendment No. 9: Appropriates \$85,000,000 for acquisition, construction, and improvements, instead of \$80,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$90,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Internal Revenue Service

Amendment No. 10: Restores language as proposed by the House relating to the operation of the Service; and permits the purchase of 225 passenger motor vehicles as proposed by the Senate instead of 276 as proposed by the House, of which 150 may be police type.

Amendments Nos. 11 and 12: Delete Senate language relating to revenue accounting and processing, and compliance.

Amendment No. 13: Reported in disagreement. The House Managers will offer a motion to permit up to 2½ percent transfer among appropriations made to the Internal Revenue Service. The conferees are agreed that this transfer provision shall be carried only for the fiscal year 1965 due to the rearrangement of the appropriation structure.

TITLE II—POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

Amendment No. 14: Appropriates \$596,500,000 for transportation instead of \$595,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$598,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 15: Appropriates \$199,000,000 for facilities instead of \$200,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$198,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

TITLE III—EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Bureau of the Budget

Amendment No. 16: Appropriates \$6,853,000 for salaries and expenses as proposed by the Senate instead of \$6,750,000 as proposed by the House.

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Managers on the Part of the House.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

Mr. ROUDEBUSH, for 30 minutes, today; and to revise and extend his remarks.

Mr. ASHBROOK (at the request of Mr. REIFEL), for 15 minutes, today.

Mr. GIAIMO (at the request of Mr. MORRIS), for 10 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to extend remarks in the Appendix of the Record, or to revise and extend remarks, was granted to:

Mr. REUSS in six instances and to include extraneous matter.

Mr. LONG of Maryland in two instances and to include two editorials.

Mr. GATHINGS.

Mr. MCCLORY (at the request of Mr. SAYLOR) to extend his remarks during debate on H.R. 3846.

Mr. EDMONDSON to revise and extend his remarks made in Committee of the Whole and to include extraneous material.

Mr. RHODES of Pennsylvania in five instances and to include extraneous matter.

Mr. PHILBIN and to include extraneous matter.

(The following Members (at the requests of Mr. REIFEL) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. RHODES of Arizona in five instances.

Mr. HORAN.

Mr. DEVINE.

Mr. BERRY in two instances.

Mr. SMITH of California.

Mr. HOSMER in two instances.

Mr. HARVEY of Indiana.

Mr. WHARTON in four instances.

Mr. BARRY.

Mr. MICHEL.

Mr. KEITH.

Mr. CURTIS in two instances.

Mr. CLEVELAND.

Mr. SNYDER in three instances.

Mr. HORAN, notwithstanding an estimate from the Public Printer of a cost of \$269.50.

Mr. ROUDEBUSH in two instances.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. MORRIS) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. GIAIMO in two instances.

Mr. ST. ONGE in four instances.

Mr. KASTENMEIER in two instances.

Mr. BECKWORTH in five instances.

Mr. KEOGH.

Mr. BURKHALTER.

Mr. FASCELL in two instances.

Mr. PEPPER in four instances.

Mr. BURKE.

Mr. CAREY in two instances.

Mr. SICKLES.

Mr. FATTEN.

Mr. BRADEMANS in eight instances.

Mr. MILLER of California in five instances.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. BURLESON, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 8313. An act to repeal the District of Columbia Credit Unions Act, to convert credit unions incorporated under the provisions of the act to Federal credit unions, and for other purposes;

H.R. 9833. An act granting a renewal of patent No. D-162,975, relating to a medal of the American Legion;

H.R. 9834. An act granting a renewal of patent No. D-161,955, relating to a plaque of the American Legion; and

H.R. 10300. An act to authorize certain construction at military installations, and for other purposes.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 944. An act to provide for the presentation by the United States to the people of Mexico of a monument commemorating the independence of Mexico, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. MORRIS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.), under